

# CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CROWLEY

## NEW YORK'S 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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### Congressman Crowley Commemorates Black History Month with Civil Rights Legend Congressman John Lewis

**O**N FEBRUARY 26TH, CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH CROWLEY participated in the first annual Black History Breakfast for the Seventh Congressional District sponsored by Citibank. Joining Congressman Crowley as keynote speaker at this event was civil rights legend, Congressman John Lewis from Atlanta, Georgia.

Congressman Crowley met with over 200 community leaders and students from Queens and the Bronx, who came to commemorate Black History Month. He discussed issues affecting the African-American community and his work in Washington and in New York to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

The keynote address was delivered by Congressman John Lewis, a leader in the American civil rights struggle. Congressman Lewis is currently the highest ranking African American in the House Democratic Leadership and a senior Member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Congressman Lewis talked about the work yet to be done in Congress and in our cities to build the "beloved community."

In his remarks, Congressman Crowley highlighted the contributions of African-Americans to New York City and to the history of the United States and how those achievements continue to today.

Also attending were State Assemblyman Jefferson Aubrey and City Councilwoman Helen Marshall.



**Congressman Crowley and Congressman John Lewis meet Ebomee McFarland and Rashad Drakeford, who delivered essays at the First Annual Black History Breakfast, to discuss what Black History month means to them.**



**The Antioch Baptist Church choir sings "List Every Voice and Sing" at the Seventh Congressional District Black History Breakfast.**



**Congressman Crowley and Congressman Lewis discuss the contributions of African Americans to New York City with City Councilwoman Helen Marshall (left) and Citibank's Jackie Arrington (middle).**

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## Congressman Crowley Fights for Jobs & Higher Wages Secures \$50,000 Aimed at Job Training and Bridging Digital Divide



Congressman Joseph Crowley was joined by United States Secretary for Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo in delivering \$75,000 in federal funding for the Queensbridge Tenants Association and Jacob Riis Community Center. Queensbridge is the largest public housing complex in the country. Joining Congressman Crowley to announce the funding were Nina Adams director of the Tenants Association and Bill Newlin, Executive Director of the Riis Center.

At the event, Congressman Crowley announced that HUD would contribute \$50,000 to be used to close the digital divide that separates kids in public housing from their peers. This money will fund technology training and apprenticeship programs for local businesses in conjunction with

LaGuardia Community College. In addition, at the request of Congressman Crowley, HUD donated thirteen computers and three printers to the Jacob Riis Center for the use of community residents.

Congressman Crowley is also a sponsor of the **National Digital Empowerment Act** which is designed to increase use of computers by students from low-income families to ensure they are not at a disadvantage in school.

### Fighting for a Living Wage

Congressman Crowley is fighting to raise the minimum wage. More than anything else, a modest wage increase is a necessity for millions of hard-working Americans. Justice on this issue has been delayed far too long. Unfortunately, Republicans are holding up the minimum wage with a massive tax cut that gives the vast majority of relief to the wealthiest Americans. Congressman Crowley voted to raise the minimum wage over two years. He will work to ensure it will be passed into law.

### Safer, Drug-Free Housing

To make public housing safer and drug free, Congressman Crowley and Secretary Cuomo delivered \$25,000 to the Queensbridge Housing Development to develop programs in conjunction with the Tenants Association to help reduce crime and drug abuse.



Congressman Crowley and HUD Secretary Cuomo tour new computer lab at the Jacob Riis Community Center at Queensbridge Houses.

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## "Driving While Black"

Congressman Crowley Works to Ban Racial Profiling

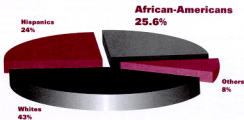
Congressman Crowley and HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo present checks for technology training and apprenticeship programs to Bill Newlin of the Jacob Riis Community Center and Nina Adams of the Queensbridge Tenants Association.

**F**rom his Birmingham jail cell on April 16th, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Unfortunately, 37 years later, the color of one's skin is still an obstacle to justice.

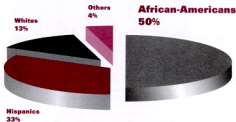
Although African Americans make up only 25.6% of the population in New York City, they account for half of all routine police stops. In New York City, hard working African-Americans on their way to school, work, or to visit their families, are often improperly stopped and harassed by police. In other states African Americans have been subject to random highway stops only because they have been "Driving While Black."

Congressman Crowley is a proud sponsor of the Traffic Stop Statistic Study Act (H.R.1443), which will require the Federal government to study and report ways to eliminate racial profiling in communities. This is a crucial step in the path toward banning racial profiling. Congressman Crowley is fighting for greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies, and will fight to ensure the passage of H.R. 1443 into law.

Population—New York City



Police stops—New York City  
(January 1998 through March 1999)



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## Congressman Crowley Combats HIV/AIDS in Africa

**T**he United Nations Population Fund, along with the Global Health Council, have recognized Congressman Crowley for his work on the important Committee on International Relations to fight HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

Two-thirds of all people living with HIV/AIDS in the world live in Sub-Saharan Africa. Congressman Crowley is the sponsor of the Global Health Act of 2000 (H.R. 3826), a bill that would increase funding for HIV/AIDS prevention programs in the developing world to \$800 million.

In 1999, Congressman Crowley secured \$25 million in funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) which provided HIV/AIDS prevention services in sub-Saharan Africa. Congressman Crowley will work to make sure the Global Health Act of 2000 becomes law.



**Congressman Crowley meets with Miss Universe 1999, Mpule Kwelegobe of Botswana, to discuss women's health and the Global Health Act of 2000.**